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FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3954

INFO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, JO, IS

SUBJ: HYDROLOGICAL INFO ON WADI ARABA

REF: TEL AVIV 1187

1. WE HAVE IN HAND INFORMATION DISCUSSED PARA 1 REFTEL AND AFTER REVIEW WILL PROVIDE IT TO GOJ ALONG WITH INFORMATION PARA 2. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR EMBASSY TEL AVIV'S HELP.

2. WE HAVE CONSIDERED FURTHER INFORMATION IN PARA 3 AND EMBASSY COMMENT. WE HOLD NO HOPE FOR EARLY CREATION OF FRAMEWORK FOR ISRAEL-JORDAN NEGOTIATIONS. WE BELIEVE SUGGESTION MADE BY AMBASSADOR KEATING WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT SOLUTION. TO PROTECT JORDAN AGAINST BLOWBACK OF ANY ISRAELI PRESS LEAK ON THEIR RELATIONS WITH OTHER ARABS, WE WONDER IF IT WOULD NOT BE BETTER TO TELL ISRAELIS THAT WE SEEKING INFO IN RELATION TO JORDAN GENERAL REQUEST TO US FOR HELP IN AREA OF WADI ARABA HYDROLOGY (JORDANIANS HAVE ASKED OUR HELP FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY TO WHICH WE HAVE NOT REPLIED). TECHNICALLY JORDANIANS HAVE NOT ASKED US AGAIN FOR THIS INFO AND NOW CONSIDER QUESTION DEAD WITH OUR FORMER INTERCHANGE WHICH CULMINATED IN THEIR SAYING THEY NOT PREPARED TO FACE SERIOUS RISK OF PRESS LEAK ON THEIR REQUEST. IF STORY DID LEAK, WE WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO SAY WE TOOK INITIATIVES ON OUR OWN TO SEEK INFO FROM ISRAELIS FOR JORDAN, AND JORDAN COULD DENY THAT IT MADE SPECIFIC CURRENT REQUEST FOR INFO. WE AGREE ALSO THAT

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SHOULD ALLON BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE SUCH HELP IT WOULD BE

CONSIDERED AS A FORTHCOMING AND GENEROUS GESTURE BY JORDANIANS  
WHO THEMSELVES IN RECENT WEEKS HAVE BEEN FAIRLY ACTIVE IN  
KEEPING FEDAYEEN OUT OF WEST BANK AND ISRAEL.  
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